



News You Can Use

The Nellis Youth Center is offering free group tutoring. The cost for individualized tutoring is \$7.50 per session. Call (702) 652-9307 or see **Emily Swinehart** to sign up or to learn more.

The Nellis Youth Center Torch Club has taken on a Community Service Project. The Youth Center Torch Club is partnering with the SLO and Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada to collect items for emergency preparedness kits meant for local seniors. Anyone interested in donating items should drop them off at the Youth Center through **Jan. 13**. Some of the items needed include: **Five-gallon buckets, first-aid kits, emergency food bars, emergency blankets, flashlight/radio, water bottles, large trash bags, whistle/compass, sanitizing wet wipes, hand warmers, and safety light sticks.** Call the Youth Center at (702) 652-9307 for more information.

Nevada Homeschool Network (NHN) is scheduled to host its 3rd Annual Home School Symposium 8am - 5:30pm Friday, Feb. 25. Anyone interested in attending the Carson City conference at a reduced rate should [click here](#) to register before Jan. 21.

Nevada Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has scheduled two Family Institute Days - Mini Conferences this month. The first is **9am-3pm Saturday, Jan. 8 at E. Las Vegas Community Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89101.** The second is **9am-3pm Saturday, Jan. 22 at Heinrich YMCA, 4141 Meadows Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89107.** Topics for the first workshop are: *power of involvement, parents' rights & responsibilities in the school system, building relationships for student success, structure and function of school and district.* Topics for the second are: *power of involvement, setting expectations for success, the politics of education, and understanding group process.* Anyone interested should register online [here](#) or call (800)307-4782 ext. 3541. Child care will be provided by reservation only for children three and older.

CCSD School Board Meetings:

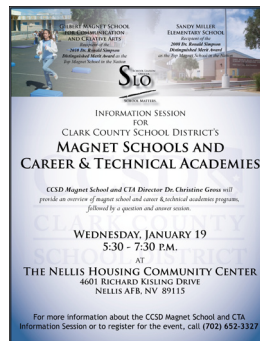
Jan. 3	Special Board Mtg.	4 pm
Jan. 5	Work Session	9 am
Jan. 13	Reg Board Mtg	4 pm
Jan. 27	Reg. Board Mtg.	4 pm

Nellis Hosts CCSD Magnet/CTA Information Session at New Community Center

The new Nellis Housing Community Center will play host to Nellis AFB's second annual Clark County School District (CCSD) **Magnet School and Career & Technical Academy (CTA) Information Session 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19.**

CCSD Magnet School Director **Christine Gross** is scheduled to provide an overview of CCSD magnet schools and CTAs, highlighting specific programs, selection criteria, and the finer points of the application process. Nellis and Creech families also will be free to ask questions and to submit applications after the initial presentation.

"Magnet schools and CTAs represent some of the best educational options the school district has to offer, especially for local



military families who may have been enrolled in similar programs elsewhere," Gross said. "I encourage anyone with even the slightest interest in learning more about magnet schools and CTAs to attend."

According to Gross, these schools represent another option for military families zoned for traditional public schools that may not offer specialized learning themes for students who have unique

interests in areas, such as math, science, engineering, aviation, performing and fine arts, law, foreign languages, or culinary arts.

Anyone interested in attending the CCSD Magnet School/CTA Information Session can register by calling the Airman & Family Readiness Center at (702) 652-3327 or [emailing](#) the SLO.

Interstate Compact

Statute Should Ease Transition for Military Children

Nevada became one of 35 states to pass the [Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children \(ICEO\)](#) in June 2009. This month it is scheduled to be implemented; that is, according to the statute's timeframe.

Unfortunately, how the ICEO statute reads vis-à-vis what has been implemented by the state of Nevada to ease and to standardize the transition of military children moving to and from Nevada's public school districts is lagging a bit behind where most military families would have hoped.

Fortunately, Gov. Brian Sandoval's administration, which assumed responsibilities after the Jan. 3 inauguration, has committed to moving forward with ICEO. **Dale Erquiaga**, a senior advisor to Sandoval for education and a former CCSD senior staffer, currently is working to secure the appointment of an ICEO executive commissioner. The commissioner will form a state council to codify the matters of enrollment, placement, attendance, and graduation outlined in the statute.

"Governor Sandoval has tremendous respect for military families and the sacrifices they make. He is committed to ensuring the education of children doesn't suffer because of their parents' military obligations," Erquiaga said.

Military children move an average of three

times as often as their peers, according to the Military Child Education Coalition, which can mean as many as nine times during the course of their parents' 20-year career. That means nine different school districts, and consequently, nine different sets of school policies that inevitably affect the classes military children can take, the activities in which they can participate, and when they graduate.

ICEO leverages consistency, using a comprehensive approach to provide a uniform policy in every public school district and in every state that chooses to join. Once the ICEO commissioner and state council codifies the Interstate Compact, Nevada's Department of Education will provide guidance to local school districts for implementation.

Children of active duty members of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders, and members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year are eligible for assistance under the compact.

Anyone interested in learning more about Nevada's version of ICEO should go to [here](#). The 76th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on Feb. 7. Go to <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/> to find your state representative and discover what he/she can do to advance the Interstate Compact.

SLO Information, Collateral Now Available Online

Anyone who regularly peruses this newsletter probably noticed a recent, subtle change in its method of delivery. **SLO Newsday** always has been an electronic publication primarily, usually in the form of an attachment to an email. Now, thanks to 99 Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office, most information related to military child education can be found on the [Nellis AFB home page](#).

Most public, charter, private, and home school-related websites, news briefs, and collateral – including past and present issues of SLO Newsday and the 2010-2011 Nellis and Creech Military Child Education Guide – now can be found at <http://www.nellis.af.mil/schoolliaisonofficer.index.asp> (the School Liaison Officer link also can be found on the right side of the Nellis AFB home page under Nellis AFB links).

While the Nellis AFB home page will serve as the primary conduit for K-12 school-related information, the SLO will continue to post information via other websites and social media methods. Following is the list of places you can find SLO information:

- [A&FRC Facebook](#)
- [Nellis Integrated Delivery System CoP](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [99 FSS/FSF SharePoint website](#)

Nellis Housing residents also can find SLO Newsday issues at the Community Center.

Private School Spotlight:

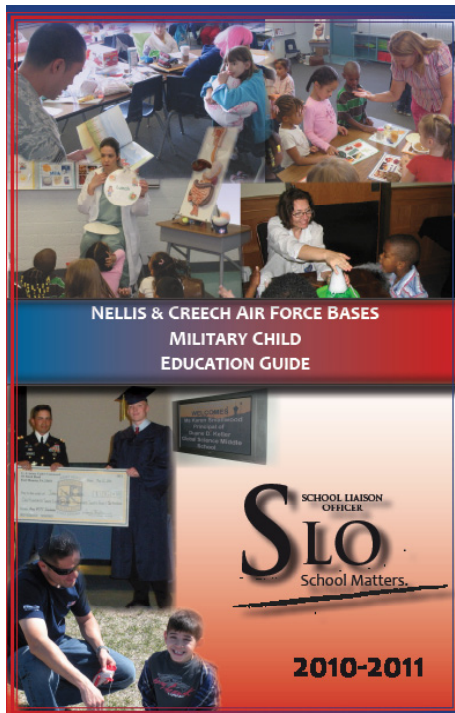
Adelson Offers Tuition Discount to Military Families

The Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Educational Campus offers a 25 percent military discount in tuition to any military family who elects to enroll their child at the 30-year-old private school.

The reduction in tuition is granted before any other scholarship is offered, which could account for as much as \$4,800 for some families.



The Adelson Educational Campus is located in Summerlin at 9700 West Hillpointe Road, Las Vegas, NV 89134.



An electronic version of the 2009-2010 Military Child Education Guide and other local K-12 education information is available at the School Liaison Officer link on the Nellis home page. Call the SLO at (702) 652-3327 if there is any specific information you would like to see added to the SLO web page.

"We are able to provide our families with more financial aid support than any other independent school in southern Nevada, and we are proud to extend that support to the military families who continually sacrifice and support the defense of our country," said Adelson Educational Campus Admission Director [Shelly Kalb](#).

The classes attended by the more than 400 students at The Adelson Education Campus are taught by a faculty that is second to none, according to Kalb, with 85 percent holding advanced degrees in the field they teach. Kalb said individualized instruction is of prime importance, stressing Adelson's commitment to maintaining student ratios of 18:1 or better in the lower, middle, and upper schools. Additionally, Kalb emphasized Adelson's commitment to being a safe and secure drug-free campus that requires mandatory testing for all upper school students.

The Adelson Educational Campus plans to host an open house for military families this spring. Nellis and Creech members will be invited to spend a day at the campus, tour the facilities, and pose questions to the faculty and staff. Until then, anyone interested in learning more about The Adelson Educational Campus should visit their [website](#) or call (702) 255-4500.

Hot Topics

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® (RMHC®) SCHOLARSHIP: Applicants must: *be enrolled as a high school senior in Clark/Nye County; be eligible to attend accredited two/four-year college, university or vocational/technical school; have at least a 2.7 unweighted GPA; and be a legal resident younger than 21.* Award amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$4,000 and may only be applied to tuition, fees, room and board and books. Applications are available on the [RMHC website](#) or at any participating McDonald's restaurant in the Las Vegas area. The deadline is **Jan. 7**.

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS: Applicants should be high school senior African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific-American or Hispanic-American with an unweighted of at least 3.30 GPA. Applicants must have demonstrated financial need as defined by Federal Pell Grant Eligibility Criteria in addition to participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities. For additional information and application go to [www.gmsp.org](#). The deadline is **Jan. 10**.

NOSC SCHOLARSHIPS: Nellis Officers' Spouses' Club (NOSC) is sponsoring academic achievement scholarships for graduating high school seniors and dependent military spouses who exhibit potential and desire to complete a program leading to a college degree. Scholarships will range from \$750 up to \$2000. Eligibility requirements and application packets are available at high school guidance offices, Nellis Education Office, A&FRC, Nellis Library, and Thrift Shop. All applications must be postmarked no later than 2 March and mailed to: NOSC Scholarship Awards, c/o Ms Sarah Johnson-Robles—Scholarship Chairman, P. O. Box 9785, Nellis AFB NV 89191. For more information, call Sarah Johnson-Robles at (702) 656-2435 or e-mail her at SarahJR4NOSC@aol.com.

GEN. HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT: This Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) offers need-based \$2,000 undergraduate studies grants to children of: active-duty members, Title 10 Air Guard Reserve(AGR)/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members, spouses (stateside) of active-duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists, and surviving spouses of deceased personnel. Senior NCOs and officers are highly encouraged to apply. This program is tailored for Air Force families with college students. The application deadline is **March 11**. Go to www.afas.org/ to learn more.

SLO CONTACT INFORMATION: Anyone with questions about K-12 education in Clark County or anyone with suggestions about future **SLO Newsday** topics should contact **Ron Gibson** at (702) 652-3327.